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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on July 8, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as provided below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the specification with the clean version (substitute specification) submitted in Exhibit A. A marked-up copy of the specification showing all changes made in strike-throughs and underlining, is attached as Exhibit B. For the Examiner's convenience, a photocopy of the of the specification as filed that includes all handwritten changes made during the PCT phase of this application is attached as Exhibit C.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 9 as follows: (a marked-up version is shown in Exhibit D).

9. (Amended) A method according to claim 8,

wherein said coating with said intermediate coating layer is done by a hot dip

operation.

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